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Dear Lary:

I wont bother to write all that address over. It is too long. Mr Manley told me he saw you while he was in Chicago, and how well you were looking. I am glad to know you like the Navy, but most all the men do.

Are you going to have any furlough soon? If you do would you like to play ball with us while you are on it. I know you will want to come east. I heard there is another boy out there with you named Chas. Harmon. Is he as good as reports say. If so ask him would he be able to come with you. You have been in about a year now, and we miss you lots, but I know all of you will be better men for the training you are receiving.

I had a letter from Monty Irvin about a month or so ago. He was in England. He said in it, "When the war is over, and we get all our men back, won't we have some team?" We really would. The Eagles have more men in than any of the teams, and what men, you. Day, Irvin, Manning, Parks, Ruffin, Isreal, Brown, Richardson, Elam, Thomas, Givens. That is a ballclub by itself. Champ is still in, but I had a letter from the army a couple weeks ago, saying he was sick. They didnt say what the trouble was. I hope I get him back.

Well let me hear from you even if you are not going to have a furlough. I know you would enjoy a trip this way, and we would all love to see you.

Very Truly Yours